

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 404, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D356)

H.R. 3108, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions. Signed on April 10, 2004. (Public Law 108–218).

H.R. 2584, to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship. Signed on April 13, 2004. (Public Law 108–219).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the budget overview for the Department of Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy and military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine current conditions of the banking and credit union industries, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the current state of society in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine a ten year perspective and implications for the future regarding NAFTA, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of the federal government's current efforts to enforce existing intellectual property rights and how current U.S. intellectual property enforcement policies relates to the loss of manufacturing jobs, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine supporting and strengthening the independence of the financial accounting standards board relating to expensing stock options, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, to continue appropriation hearings, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing entitled "HIPC Debt Relief: Which Way Forward?" 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on What is the Administration's Economic Growth Plan Component for Paperwork Reduction? 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2004, 5:30 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, briefing on Technical Transformation Strategic Plan. 3 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 20 through April 24, 2004

Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, Senate may consider S. 2290, Asbestos Litigation bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 20, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the budget overview for the Department of Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–138.

April 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., SD-124.

April 21, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for missile defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 21, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for foreign assistance and to combat international terrorism, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: April 20, to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy and military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 20, to hold hearings to examine current conditions of the banking and credit union industries, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Romolo A. Bernardi, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Dennis C. Shea, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, and Cathy M. MacFarlane, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Policy, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 22, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Report, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 21, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, and on policies related to the program, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 20, to hold hearings to examine the current state of society in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 20, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine a ten year perspective and implications for the future regarding NAFTA, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the current state of society in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine obstacles and opportunities regarding the Iraq transition, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lauren Moriarty, of Hawaii, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, 1:30 p.m., SD-106.

April 22, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine U.S.-China relations and the status of reforms in China, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of South Africa, 4 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: April 20, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of the federal government's current efforts to enforce existing intellectual property rights and how current U.S. intellectual property enforcement policies relates to the loss of manufacturing jobs, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

April 20, Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine supporting and strengthening the independence of the financial accounting standards board relating to expensing stock options, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 21, to hold hearings to examine S.297, to provide reforms and resources to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to improve the Federal acknowledgement process, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 22, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, to hold hearings to examine state and local authority to enforce immigration law relating to terrorism, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 20, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 22, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, April 20, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, to continue appropriation hearings, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Interior, to continue appropriation hearings, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 21, and 22, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on National Institutes of Health, 10:15 a.m., on April 21, and 10 a.m., on April 22, 2358 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, on the IRS, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on NASA, 2359 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, on District of Columbia Courts, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Legislative, on House of Representatives and GPO, 1 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, April 21, hearing on Iraq's Transition to Sovereignty, 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the Performance of the Department of Defense Acquisition Process in Support of Force Protection for Combat Forces, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 22, full Committee, hearing on the Report of the Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Attack, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 21, hearing on the Importance of Highly Qualified Teachers in Raising Academic Achievement, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing entitled "Developments in Labor Law: Examining Trends and Tactics in Labor Organization Campaigns," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 21, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality and the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, joint hearing entitled "Current Environmental Issues Affecting the Readiness of the Department of Defense," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 22, full Committee, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3866, Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004; H.R. 2771, To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Act; and H. Res. 516, Supporting the goals of National Manufacturing Week, congratulating manufacturers and their employees for their contributions to growth and innovation, and recognizing the challenges facing the manufacturing sector, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 20, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing entitled "HIPC Debt Relief: Which Way Forward?" 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "The FASB Stock Options Proposal: Its Effect on the U.S. Economy and Jobs," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, April 20, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on What is the Administration's Economic Growth Plan Component for Paperwork Reduction? 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "DOD's Counternarcotics: What Is Congress Getting For Its Money?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing on Iraq Oil-for-Food Program: Starving for Accountability, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

April 21, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled "Protecting Our Nation's Cyber Space: Educational Awareness for the Cyber Citizen," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 22, full Committee, hearing on Can Federal Agencies Function in the Wake of a Disaster? A Status Report on Federal Agencies' Continuity of Operations Plans, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "Continued Human Rights Violations in Cuba: One Year after Castro's Crackdown of Political Dissidents," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 23, full Committee, hearing on Justice for All: A Review of the Operations of the District of Columbia Superior Court, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, April 21, hearing on The Taiwan Relations Act: The Next Twenty-Five Years, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on the U.S. and Northern Europe: The e-PINE Initiative, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Rwanda's Genocide: Looking Back, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 22, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled "Legal Threats to Traditional Marriage: Implications for Public Policy," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, April 21, hearing on H.R. 2941, Colorado River Indian Reservation Boundary Correction Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 21, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H.R. 3846, Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, April 20, to consider H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2004, 5:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, April 22, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing on Small Businesses Creating Jobs and Protecting the Environment, 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 21, hearing on H.R. 3879, Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing to Review the Airport Screener Privatization Pilot Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 20, Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, briefing on Technical Transformation Strategic Plan 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 21, full Committee, executive, hearing on GDIP Budget, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 21, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, briefing on Narco-Terror Connections, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 22, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, hearing on Global Updates, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 22, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, hearing on Standards, Sharing, Collaboration: Tools of Trade, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, April 21, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development and the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security, joint hearing entitled "The DHS Infrastructure Protection Division: Public-Private Partnerships to Secure Critical Infrastructures," 10:30 a.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: April 21, to hold hearings to examine the economic outlook, 10 a.m., SH-216.